

July 28, 1948.

President E. B. Fred,  
Bascom Hall.

Dear Dr. Fred,

I am returning Dr. Lwoff's application for a research grant from the N.I.H. with comments attached. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of seeing it.

As the rating sheet shows, I would give my whole-hearted endorsement to this application, both from the point of view of the project and the investigator. I am personally well acquainted with Dr. Lwoff from meeting him at several symposia in 1946, and have been in close correspondence with his junior colleague, Monod. In fact, he and I have been exchanging information and strains for some time, dealing with the problem of genetic control of *E. coli* enzymes, on which we are working along closely parallel lines.

The only question that I can raise is one of policy, not of advisability, and has to do with the budget item of \$2000 for a micro-calorimeter to be constructed locally. This is an exceedingly specialized instrument whose application to the projected research is not made at all clear. However, I would personally endorse this item on the strength of Lwoff's past performance, and the interest and importance of the work he has outlined.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Professor of Genetics.